

REMARKS

Claims 6, 8-21, 23-65 and 68-86 presently appear in this case. No claims have yet been acted upon on the merits. The claims have been subject to a restriction requirement. The official action of February 5, 2003, has now been carefully studied. Prompt consideration on the merits and allowance of all of the claims now present in the case is hereby respectfully urged.

The examiner has required restriction between Group I, including claims 1-65, drawn to peptides and their methods of use, and Group II, including claims 66 and 67, drawn to antibodies and methods of making the antibodies.

Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, the claims directed to peptides and their methods of use. Claims 66 and 67, drawn to antibodies and methods of making antibodies have now been deleted without prejudice toward the continuation of prosecution thereof in a continuing application.

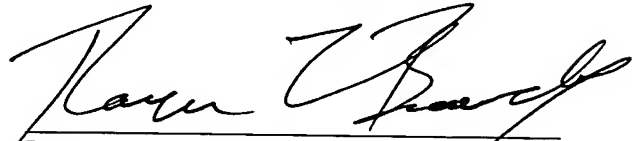
The specification and claims have now been amended to correct typographical errors and otherwise to amend the claims and add new claims to place the case into better condition for examination. As these revised claims are being submitted prior to initial examination on the merits of the elected group, all of the claims should be considered to be

elected for examination in this case. Prompt consideration on the merits and allowance of all of the elected claims are, therefore, earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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